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<b>In re United States Patent Application of:</b>	)	<b>Docket No.:</b>	<b>020884-000011</b>
<b>Applicant:</b>	)	<b>Examiner:</b>	<b>Not yet assigned</b>
<b>Application No.:</b>	)	<b>Confirmation No.:</b>	<b>9539</b>
<b>Filing or 371(c) Date:</b>	)	<b>Art Unit:</b>	<b>1645</b>
<b>Title:</b>	)	<b>Customer No.:</b>	<b>24239</b>
<b>METHOD FOR ASSESSING RISK OF AND PREDISPOSITION TO DEVELOPMENT OF A PATHOLOGY RELATED TO THE PRESENCE OF ANTI-EPCR AUTOANTIBODIES</b>	)		

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**REQUEST FOR CORRECTED FILING RECEIPT IN U.S. PATENT APPLICATION NO.  
10/588,740**

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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir/Madam:

A review of the Filing Receipt in the above-identified patent application has revealed the presence of an error in the status of the entity to which the subject application is assigned. Specifically, the filing receipt should indicate large entity status pursuant to the "Notice of Change of Status from Small to Large Entity for U.S. Patent Application No. 10/588,740" as filed via facsimile on January 10, 2007 (copy attached as Appendix A). In addition, the January 10, 2007 Change of Status is not noted on the Notice of Acceptance of Application (copy attached as Appendix B). Finally, a copy of the marked-up filing receipt is attached as Appendix C.

Request hereby is made for issue of a corrected filing receipt for the subject U.S. patent application and a corrected Notice of Acceptance of Application.

**CONCLUSION**

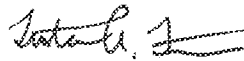
It is believed that there is no fee for this request. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any requisite fee associated with this request to Deposit Account No. 13-4365 in the name of Moore & Van Allen PLLC. If any additional issues remain, please contact the undersigned attorney at (919) 286-8090 to discuss same.

Respectfully submitted,

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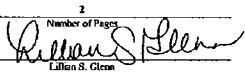
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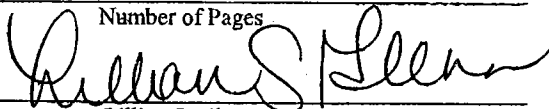
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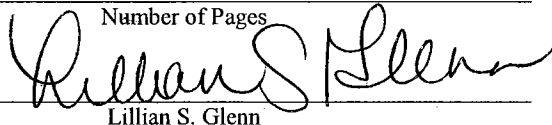
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**NOTICE OF CHANGE OF STATUS FROM SMALL TO LARGE ENTITY FOR U.S.  
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Sir:

This Notice of Change of Status is submitted to notify the Patent and Trademark Office that the assignee of the subject patent application has concluded that they are presently a Large Entity interest under 37 CFR §1.27.

The total fees paid for the filing and completion of requirements for the subject application were \$765.00 which reflects the small entity portion. Accordingly, an additional \$765.00 is due to complete the large entity filing fee.

Accordingly, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge \$765.00 to Deposit Account No. 13-4365 in the name of Moore & Van Allen PLLC.

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# APPENDIX B





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CONFIRMATION NO. 9539

371 ACCEPTANCE LETTER



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**NOTICE OF ACCEPTANCE OF APPLICATION UNDER 35 U.S.C 371 AND 37 CFR 1.495**

The applicant is hereby advised that the United States Patent and Trademark Office in its capacity as a Designated / Elected Office (37 CFR 1.495), has determined that the above identified international application has met the requirements of 35 U.S.C. 371, and is ACCEPTED for national patentability examination in the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

The United States Application Number assigned to the application is shown above and the relevant dates are:

<u>10/20/2006</u>	<u>01/10/2007</u>
DATE OF RECEIPT OF 35 U.S.C. 371(c)(1), (c)(2) and (c)(4) REQUIREMENTS	DATE OF COMPLETION OF ALL 35 U.S.C. 371 REQUIREMENTS

A Filing Receipt (PTO-103X) will be issued for the present application in due course. **THE DATE APPEARING ON THE FILING RECEIPT AS THE " FILING DATE" IS THE DATE ON WHICH THE LAST OF THE 35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(1), (c)(2) and (c)(4) REQUIREMENTS HAS BEEN RECEIVED IN THE OFFICE. THIS DATE IS SHOWN ABOVE.** The filing date of the above identified application is the international filing date of the international application (Article 11(3) and 35 U.S.C. 363). Once the Filing Receipt has been received, send all correspondence to the Group Art Unit designated thereon.

The following items have been received:

- Indication of Small Entity Status
- Copy of the International Application filed on 08/04/2006
- English Translation of the IA filed on 08/04/2006
- Copy of the International Search Report filed on 08/04/2006
- Preliminary Amendments filed on 08/04/2006
- Information Disclosure Statements filed on 11/20/2006
- Biochemical Sequence Diskette filed on 08/04/2006
- Oath or Declaration filed on 10/20/2006
- Biochemical Sequence Listing filed on 08/04/2006
- Request for Immediate Examination filed on 08/04/2006
- U.S. Basic National Fees filed on 08/04/2006

- Priority Documents filed on 08/04/2006
- Specification filed on 08/04/2006
- Claims filed on 08/04/2006
- Abstracts filed on 08/04/2006
- Drawings filed on 08/04/2006
- Paper nucleotide sequence listings filed on 08/04/2006

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Applicant is reminded that any communications to the United States Patent and Trademark Office must be mailed to the address given in the heading and include the U.S. application no. shown above (37 CFR 1.5)

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# APPENDIX C



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Receipt is acknowledged of this regular Patent Application. It will be considered in its order and you will be notified as to the results of the examination. Be sure to provide the U.S. APPLICATION NUMBER, FILING DATE, NAME OF APPLICANT, and TITLE OF INVENTION when inquiring about this application. Fees transmitted by check or draft are subject to collection. Please verify the accuracy of the data presented on this receipt. **If an error is noted on this Filing Receipt, please mail to the Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria Va 22313-1450. Please provide a copy of this Filing Receipt with the changes noted thereon. If you received a "Notice to File Missing Parts" for this application, please submit any corrections to this Filing Receipt with your reply to the Notice. When the USPTO processes the reply to the Notice, the USPTO will generate another Filing Receipt incorporating the requested corrections (if appropriate).**

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**Power of Attorney:** The patent practitioners associated with Customer Number 24239.

## Domestic Priority data as claimed by applicant

This application is a 371 of PCT/ES05/00046 02/03/2005 ✓

## Foreign Applications

If Required, Foreign Filing License Granted: 03/05/2007

The country code and number of your priority application, to be used for filing abroad under the Paris Convention, is **US10/588,740**

Projected Publication Date: 06/14/2007

Non-Publication Request: No

Early Publication Request: No

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**Title**

Method for assessing risk of and predisposition to development of a pathology related to the presence of anti-epcr autoantibodies

**Preliminary Class**

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Almost every country has its own patent law, and a person desiring a patent in a particular country must make an application for patent in that country in accordance with its particular laws. Since the laws of many countries differ in various respects from the patent law of the United States, applicants are advised to seek guidance from specific foreign countries to ensure that patent rights are not lost prematurely.

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